



PRESBYTERIANS WILL BUILD A \$30,000 CHURCH

Committee Has Already Started Canvass for Funds—Structure Will be Erected This Year.

GENEROUS RESPONSE MADE

First Plans Called for Remodelling of old Building But General Sentiment Is Discovered to Be in Favor of Handsome New Edifice.

A new home for the First Presbyterian church, to cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000, is practically assured for Pendleton during the coming year. A building committee started its canvass for funds this morning and has met with such ready and generous response that all uncertainty has seemingly been wiped out.

A few weeks ago the church board decided to build a \$2000 addition to the present church at the corner of Alta and College streets. When the committee went out to raise the money, it was found that the general sentiment of the congregation favored a new church home rather than improvement of the old one. Last week the matter was discussed and at the services yesterday morning it was announced that a new building had been determined upon by the committee. The work of raising the money began early this morning.

The committee is not yet ready to announce details of the plans, but intends making the new church the most serviceable in the city. Provision will be made for a large auditorium, Sunday school room, room for social gatherings and a kitchen. The location is not yet selected.

BREACH OF PROMISE SUIT WON BY GIRL

Wealthy Tacoma Must Pay \$10,000 to Woman He Seduced Under False Promise of Marriage.

TACOMA, Dec. 11.—The jury awarded a ten thousand dollar breach of promise damages to Ethel Waldron who sued Glenn Orr, a wealthy property owner. The verdict ended a sensational trial wherein the girl fainted on the witness stand four times. She testified she was seduced, led by false marriage promises and deserted when about to become a mother. Orr declared the girl forced herself on his attentions.

MEXICANS ARREST AMERICAN CITIZENS ON SECRET CHARGES

BROWNSVILLE, Dec. 11.—Ricardo Solis, an American citizen, was arrested at Matamoros last week on secret charges and taken to Victoria for military trial, despite United States Consul Johnson's protests. The consul warned General Cabelero the defect Matamoros commandant, that the action would probably result seriously. He reported the facts to Lansing.

CONSTANTINE PROTESTS AGAINST BLOCKADE

ATHENS, Dec. 11.—King Constantine has formally protested to the allies against the continued blockade of Greek ports.

INFANT PLAGUE HAS HIT SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 11.—The health department reported that infantile paralysis is spreading. There are two new cases. Health officers said 13 suspected cases were in the isolation hospital and several families were quarantined.

TALK OF SUCCESSOR TO JOFFRE



GENERAL JOFFRE

GENERAL CASTELNAU

Coincidentally with the crisis in the British cabinet, say advisers from Paris, a similar shake-up is talked of on the other side of the Channel, and although no definite step has been taken, measures are, nevertheless, being considered to that end. It is said that the readjustment may even affect General Joffre, commander-in-chief of the allied armies in the west, possibly forcing him out and bringing in a generalissimo, who will have supreme command of all of the allied armies in all parts of the world, General Castelnau, chief of staff to General Joffre, is the man most talked of on this high post. Dissatisfaction with the deadlock of the armies in the west is said to be responsible for the feeling that there should be a change.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE WILL ASK BOARD FOR LIBRARY BALL FUND

Taking advantage of the dispute which has arisen over the library ball fund, the cemetery committee of the city council has decided to ask that the city library board turn over the \$930 in the fund for use in improving the city cemetery.

Joe though it may appear, such application will be made, according to Councilmen H. J. Taylor, Ralph Folsom and D. D. Phelps, members of the cemetery committee. This committee has been working all year on a program of improvement for the city burial ground and has been hampered

LESS TALK AND MORE ACTION WANTED FRANCE IN FAVOR OF REORGANIZATION PEACE TIME METHODS LACK RESULTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Ambassador Sharpe called Premier Briand and had started organizing a new French cabinet.

PARIS, Dec. 11.—Britain's small war council idea is gaining French support. The French regard Lloyd George as the British man of the hour.

Henry Cheuron, a prominent senator, declared the proper authority was lacking because peace time methods are still used. "France needs less talk, more action. She needs a concentration of government activity."

The French spirit will undoubtedly soon cause a governmental reorganization like Britain's.

Cheuron also said: "We must follow the British example. The present premier has failed to display all the necessary qualities of facing heavy war responsibilities. France demands decision, firmness, and courage. Fortune smiles upon the energetic and audacious."

GOVERNOR-ELECT OF UTAH



Governor-elect Simon Bamberger, of Utah, said to be the only governor of Jewish descent in the United States. The photograph was made on his arrival recently in Los Angeles.

LLOYD GEORGE IS ILL FROM LABORS

SUFFERING A CHILL AS RESULT OF WORKING TWENTY HOURS A DAY.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Lloyd George suffered a chill as a result of working twenty hours daily and is confined to his bed. Despite his illness the whole nation feels the effect of his energy. The public believes the British conservatism is smashed. Some newspapers charged that Lloyd George was the tool of Lord Northcliffe. He stopped these rumors when he named Balfour and Lord Cecil as cabinet members. Northcliffe hates both of them.

Naval Aeroplanes Raid Hangers BERLIN, Dec. 11.—(via Sayville)—The Austrian war offices announced that naval aeroplanes raided enemy stations at Sobba. Three hangers were struck. All the raiders returned unharmed.

VILLA THINKS HE WILL OUST ALL AMERICANS

Interview With Bandit Quotes Him as Declaring U. S. Citizens Must Leave Mexico or Fight.

CALLS CARRANZA "BAD MAN"

Was Friend of Wilson Until President Helped Defacto Head and Then He Turned Against Him—Will Keep Mexico's Sacred Rights Inviolable.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The Evening World printed an interview with Villa, and quoted him as saying: "I am going to drive the Americans from Mexico or make them fight. The mayor of El Paso chased my wife out of the country like a peon and took her diamonds. He should fight me and not fight a woman and a stranger in the country."

"Perishing is violating Mexico's sacred rights. He must get out. I will show him he cannot violate its rights."

It was Wilson's friend and liked him. But he turned traitor. He helped Carranza, Mexico's bad man. Is it any wonder that I chase Americans from Mexico. I will make the gap between the countries so wide and deep no Americans will be able to steal Mexican land, gold or oil."

KNOCKS OUT A GIRL TO STEAL HER HAIR

Fifteen Year Old Eleanor Corrigan Fell in Vestibule of Home By a "Clipper."

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Knocked unconscious by a man in the vestibule of her home at Southampton, L. I., yesterday afternoon, Eleanor Corrigan, fifteen years old, revived to find her long dark brown tresses had been snipped off short by her assailant.

The girl, returning from school, was attempting to open the inner door when she was seized from behind by a man who felled her with a blow on the head when she struggled. Her parents were not at home.

The Corrigan home is next to the Southampton hospital. None of the neighbors saw a stranger near the Corrigan house and the local police are without a clue. Detectives have been called from this city to investigate. The village trustees have offered a reward of \$500 for the "clipper."

NAVAL OFFICIAL VISITS ASTORIA

ASTORIA, Dec. 11.—Commander Howe of the United States Monitor Cheyenne, conferred with the Astoria naval base committee regarding the submarine station possibilities. The Cheyenne and three H type submarines are here. They are scheduled to sail to San Pedro for target practice and are investigating all possible sites enroute. The engines of one H-three were disabled.

WOMEN COULD END WAR SAYS SENATOR

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 11.—Miss Kathryn Clark, Oregon's woman state senator, who is visiting here, declared a congress of the belligerent countries' women would quickly end the war. She asked American women to work in this direction. She declared many men's conferences could not do the work of one women's meeting.

CHICAGO PRICES WEAKER AT CLOSE

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—(Special to the East Oregonian)—Range of prices today:

	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	\$1.67	\$1.67	\$1.64 1/2	\$1.64
May	\$1.77	\$1.78 1/2	\$1.74 1/2	\$1.75 1/2

Portland.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 11.—(Special)—Merchants Exchange bids today: club, \$1.48; bluestem \$1.51.

ROUMANIANS REGAIN SEVERAL POSITIONS ALONG HIGHWAY

PETROGRAD, Dec. 11.—It is announced the Roumanians have regained positions along the Ploesti and Masul highways. They vigorously countered after the Teutons took the trenches Saturday.

PERKINS HEADS NEW YORK FOOD BOARD



GEORGE W. PERKINS

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—George W. Perkins, former partner in J. P. Morgan & Co. and financial sponsor of the progressive party, has begun an investigation today of the high cost of living as chairman of a committee of five appointed by Governor Whitman to recommend remedial legislation. Mr. Perkins says he blames the high price of foodstuffs in this city on market conditions. He asserts that California is far ahead of New York state in the matter of distribution, and cites Cleveland as an example of a city which recently has adopted modern methods. Mr. Perkins is also chairman of Mayor Mitchell's committee to investigate the price of foodstuffs.

EPITHETS WRITTEN ON SCHOOL STEPS

Discontent of High School Students Voiced in Unruly Action Last Night.

Late last night or early this morning, some unknown persons wrote in large letters over the steps, leading up to the front doors of the high school, epithets pertaining to Superintendent Park and Principal Drill. No trace was left by the persons and no one has as yet been suspected. Principal Drill, Superintendent Park and Professor Chloupek were in the building last evening until after dark and none of the work had been done by that time. The paint was secured from the manual training room which was found open this morning.

It is thought that the act is the outcome of discontent among a number of students, who believing the school to be badly mismanaged and many of their former liberties taken from them, went to this extreme, hoping to better conditions. Several of the epithets as "Athletes must get 35 in subjects," "Drill must be removed, kids demand it," "To Misery Drill's Kindergarten," and others, show that the persons thought themselves to be voicing the popular sentiment of the students. These epithets were particularly directed against Principal Drill who has practically had charge of the high school for the last few weeks.

The student body executive committee met with Principal Drill late this morning and agreed to pay for taking the paint from the steps. The work is to be done this afternoon and the last traces taken away by tomorrow morning.

The executive committee expressed themselves as not being in favor of the move taken by the persons and favored taking action against it.

ITALIANS PREPARE FOR VIGOROUS WAR

Will Make 1917 Struggle Most Extensive—Have Called to Colors the Class of Eighteen Ninety Eight.

ROME, Dec. 11.—Italians are preparing to make the nineteen seventeen the most vigorous. They have called to the colors the class of eighteen ninety eight. Parliament convened in secret session and gave a vote of confidence to the present government. The vote was unanimous. The socialist wing supposedly opposed the ministry.

SECOND JAIL ESCAPE CAUGHT AFTER HE BREAKS INTO HOME OF HUGH BELL NEAR HELIX

Sheriff and Deputy Together With Rancher Follow Tracks Through Snow all Night Finally Finding Fugitive Asleep at Farm House of E. C. Snapp.

Burglary of the home of Hugh Bell and the theft of a pair of heavy over shoes led to the capture early this morning of Harvey Bensene, one of the four men who escaped from the county jail Thursday afternoon. Sheriff Taylor and Deputy Estes, together with Mr. Bell, tracked the man through the snow during the night and about 4 o'clock this morning found him sleeping peacefully at the farmhouse of E. C. Snapp a mile and a half this side of Helix.

Bell, whose farm is near Helix, left home with his family about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Bensene, who had been hiding in an empty house on the Dr. C. J. Smith place across the road, saw him leave and at once entered the house. He took food, some coins belonging to the children and a pair of Mr. Bell's overshoes among other things.

Returning home about 10 o'clock last night, Mr. Bell discovered his loss and at once called up Sheriff Taylor. Though he had been driving over the country almost continuously since Saturday night and had just returned from a fruitless search, the sheriff together with Deputy Estes, left in their car and reached the Bell place about midnight.

They picked up the man's tracks in the snow and followed them easily across the fields. He took a zigzag course and, though the Henry Hend-

QUAKER OATS PLANT BURNS

Explosion Topples Walls and Twelve Employees Are Buried—Damage Over \$2,000,000.

PETERSBORO, Ont., Dec. 11. An explosion toppled the walls of the big Quaker Oats factory and the building burned. It is reported ten employees perished. Twelve injured were removed. Five others were hurt. Four are known dead. The damage is two millions. The county courthouse also caught fire and burned.

CONTRACTS MADE FOR NEXT CROP WHEAT AT \$1.10

At a price reputed to be \$1.10 per bushel two small sales of next crop wheat have been made here. There is a report in circulation to the effect a price of \$1.25 per bushel was paid on one deal but this price is denied by buyers who assert \$1.10 has been the outside price offered on next year's wheat. On a basis of the Chicago quotations for July wheat the price of \$1.10 for eastern Oregon wheat is conservative. However it is pointed out that our wheat has no standing in the Chicago pit because it has always been going to Liverpool rather than the east. Consequently it is said to be impossible for brokers to make delivery of inland empire wheat on Chicago sales without suffering a heavy dockage.

ADAMSON LAW TEST COMES UP JANUARY 8

Supreme Court Will Hear Arguments on That Date—Agreement Made Not to Enforce Law Until Court Decides.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The supreme court agreed to hear the Adamson law arguments on January eighth. Government attorneys asked haste. The law is effective January first. The government and railroads agreed not to enforce the law until the court decides.

OREGON POULTRYMEN ARE FACED BY RUIN

Egg Boycott Is Resulting Seriously for Chicken Raisers—Frantic Appeals for Help Made.

PORTLAND, Dec. 11.—Several of Oregon's biggest poultry ranches are in danger of ruin on account of the egg boycott. Big dealers and market experts are receiving frantic letters asking for relief. Andrew Eggman, of the Mountain View poultry farm, said the boycott was only hurting the poultrymen.

FOUR GERMAN AIRSHIPS DESTROYED ON SOMME

PARIS, Dec. 11.—It is announced that four German aeroplanes were destroyed south of the Somme. There is intermittent cannonading.

BROKEN FLANGE CAUSES FREIGHT WRECK ON N. P. AT RING STATION

Because of a broken flange on a freight car eight cars of the north-bound Northern Pacific freight train were piled up in a wreck in Vanaville canyon Saturday afternoon. No one was injured in the wreck but traffic was interfered with to the extent that since that time it has been necessary for the passenger train to make a transfer around the wreckage. This morning the Pendleton-bound passenger was an hour late for this reason. The wreck occurred near Ring station at 1 p. m. Saturday. The freight train was moving slowly at the time. The third car from the engine was first to leave the track, a broken flange on the wheel being the cause. Of the cars in the pileup one gondola loaded with wheat turned completely over. A car loaded with flour was not overturned but the trucks in some manner were thrown from under the car, leaving the car without wheels.

A wrecking crew from Pasco was called to clear the track and worked until 3 p. m. Saturday. Going into Pasco for the night the crew was called out for a small wreck on the S. P. & S. with the result the work at Ring was delayed.